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Friends of the



Missouri Women's Council

Foundation Board

A 501 (c)(3) organization

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History of the Friends

The Friends of the Missouri Women's Council was established in 1998 by women whose concern, insight, and knowledge foresaw the need to raise monies to support and enhance important programs that promote economic, social and political parity.

The Friends is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors. The Friends is derived of two classes of membership. The Board of Directors, or voting members, is comprised of eleven (11) members, including four officers, one representative from the staff of the Missouri Women's Council, and six at-large directors.

Members from across the state of various ages, professions and ethnic backgrounds are represented on the current Board. The bylaws of the Friends state that Board members shall pay current dues in the amount of \$250 per year and shall continue to serve as such until the member defaults in payment of current dues or resigns from the Board.

The Friends also has a Supporting Members Classification. This classification consists of corporations, companies, associations, partnerships or other business or institutional entities, or individuals who are interested in promoting opportunities for women and families. Supporting, non-voting memberships may be obtained by paying annual dues of \$25 or more.

Programs

The year 2002 was an exciting one for the Friends. During the renaissance year, the Friends actively led three major projects into fruition. In March, which is Women's History Month, the Friends co-sponsored the Missouri Women's History exhibit entitled "The Exceptions that Created the Rule" which acknowledged the accomplishments of Missouri's pioneering women. The exhibit opened in the Missouri Capitol, where it was on display through the end of August. At the conclusion of the display at the Capitol, the exhibit began traveling across the state, providing historical and inspirational information to the citizens of Missouri.

In May, 2002, the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council agreed to chair the Self-Sufficiency Standard for Missouri. Working with Wider Opportunities for Women, a non-profit organization based out of Washington, DC, and the University of Washington, Seattle, with Dr. Diana Pearce, the Friends released the final report in November. The report provides an accurate and concise illustration of the necessary wages families in the state of Missouri need to live without any public or private subsidies.

In June, 2002, Governor Bob Holden signed legislation that created the Missouri Women's Council Breast Cancer Awareness License Plate. The specialized plate became available for purchase on August 28, 2002. The \$25 fee raised from the sale of each license plate will be administered by the Friends through the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Project to provide breast cancer services for uninsured and underinsured women across Missouri.

How You Can Become Involved

By becoming a Supporting Member of the Friends, your tax-deductible donation will go directly toward supporting the programs of the Friends and promoting opportunities for women and families across Missouri.

Yes! I wish to become a Supporting Member of the Friends of the Missouri Women's Council. I have enclosed my gift of \$25 or more to support your programs!

Name _____

Address _____

Address 1 _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone, Fax _____

Email _____